AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim [[1]] 25, wherein:
said main body has [[an]] opening sections [[(2x)]] formed therein,
each of said opening sections [[(2x)]] [[being]] is closed by a corresponding one of said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors [[(3)]] in said set position, and
each of said opening sections [[(2x)]] [[being]] is open when a corresponding one of said ~~plate-like object~~ doors is in said non-set position.

3. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim [[1]] 25 further comprising:
a holding mechanism ~~(60; 83)~~ for holding each of said rotatable ~~member~~ rails in said second rotation position.

4. - 8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim [[1]] 25, wherein:
~~said rotatable member~~ at least one of said plurality of rotatable rails [[(81)]] includes a receiving groove [[(82)]] ~~parallel to said main track~~ extending in a longitudinal direction of said rotatable rail;
an inner surface of said receiving groove includes said supporting surface ~~(82a; 82d)~~ and said auxiliary track ~~(82b; 82c)~~; and
said ~~runner~~ roller [[(88)]] is received in said receiving groove when ~~said plate-like object~~ a corresponding one of said plurality of doors is in said set position and in said preparation position.

10. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 9 wherein:

a ~~runner~~ support bracket [[(86)]] is rotatably ~~mounted on~~ connected to said ~~plate like object~~ corresponding one of said plurality of doors in such a way that said ~~runner~~ support bracket [[can]] ~~rotate~~ rotates about ~~another~~ a second rotation axis ~~extending to the left and right~~ parallel to said first rotation axis; and

said ~~runner~~ roller [[(88)]] is supported in said ~~runner~~ support bracket.

11. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 10 wherein:

said ~~runner~~ roller [[(88)]] is of a disc shape and is turnably supported in a distal end portion of said ~~runner~~ support bracket [[(86)]], so that said ~~runner~~ roller lies [[down]] with a side surface thereof abutting said supporting surface ~~(82a ; 82d)~~ of said ~~guide~~ receiving groove when said rotatable ~~member~~ rail [[(81)]] is in said first rotation position and said ~~runner~~ roller stands up with a circumferential surface thereof abutting said auxiliary track ~~(82b; 82c)~~ when said rotatable ~~member~~ rail is in said second rotation position.

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 11 ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

a biasing member [[(87)]] which applies rotation torque to said ~~runner~~ support bracket [[(86)]], thereby biasing said corresponding one of said plurality of ~~plate like object~~ doors to said set position.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Withdrawn)

17. (Withdrawn)

18. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim [[1]] 25 wherein:

said ~~runner~~ roller ~~(15; 88)~~ is disposed in either said upper or lower edge portion of said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors ~~and serves as a main runner~~;

a secondary runner ~~(29; 129 ; 429)~~ is disposed in the other of said upper and lower edge portions of said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors; and

the guide apparatus further comprises: ~~comprising~~ a guide member ~~(72; 172; 401; 402)~~ which guides said secondary runner when said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors move [[moves]] between said set position and said preparation position; and

a secondary rail ~~(70; 170; 400)~~ which guides said secondary runner when said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors move [[moves] between said preparation position and said non-set position.

19. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 18, wherein:

said secondary runner ~~(29; 129; 429)~~ includes a projection ~~(20d; 120d; 425)~~ projecting at least either to the left or right; and

said guide member ~~(72; 172; 401, 402)~~ includes a guide groove ~~(72b; 172b; 405)~~ which guides said projection.

20. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 19, wherein:

said secondary runner ~~(29; 129)~~ includes a running portion ~~(25; 125)~~ which runs in a groove ~~(70a; 17a)~~ formed in said secondary rail ~~(70; 170)~~ and a running portion support bracket ~~(20; 120)~~ which is mounted on said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors to support said running portion; and

said running portion support bracket is provided with said projection ~~(20d; 120d)~~.

21. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 19, wherein:

said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors move [[moves]] upward or downward while [[it]] said plurality of doors move [[moves]] between said set position and said preparation position; and

said guide groove ~~(72b; 172b)~~ of said guide member ~~(72; 172)~~ is linearly inclined corresponding to the displacement of said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors.

22. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 21 wherein:

said guide member [[(172)]] includes a vertical groove [[(172a)]] continuous with said guide groove [[(172b)]]; and

said projection [[(120d)]] of said secondary runner [[(120)]] is received in said vertical groove when said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors are [[is]] in said set position.

23. (Withdrawn)

24. (Currently amended) [[A]] The guide apparatus according to claim 18 wherein:

~~a plurality of said plate-like objects are provided;~~

~~all of said plate-like objects are flush with each other when they are all in said set position and arranged side by side with each other; and~~

said secondary runner ~~(20; 120)~~ includes a rail portion ~~(20f; 120f)~~ which is continuous with said secondary rail ~~(70; 170)~~ when said ~~plate-like object~~ plurality of doors are [[is]] in said set position.

25. (New) A guide apparatus for guiding a movement of a plurality of doors with respect to a main body between a set position and a preparation position that is in front of or behind said set position and between said preparation position and a non-set position positioned at a side of said preparation position, wherein said plurality of doors are flush with each other in said set position and when arranged side by side, said guide apparatus comprising:

a roller mounted on at least one of upper and lower edge portions of each of said plurality of doors; and

a plurality of rotatable rails having a length approximately equal to a width of said plurality of doors and arranged in a line extending horizontally in a left and right direction,

wherein each of said plurality of rotatable rails is supported by said main body such that said plurality of rotatable rails rotate between a first rotation position and a second rotation position about a first rotation axis extending horizontally in the left and right direction,

wherein each of said plurality of rotatable rails includes a supporting surface, an auxiliary track, and an additional track parallel to said auxiliary track,

wherein in said first rotation position, said rotatable rail supports said plurality of doors in said set position by making said roller ride on said supporting surface,

wherein in said second rotation position, said rotatable rail supports said plurality of doors in said preparation position by making said roller ride on said auxiliary track, and

wherein when one of two adjacent ones of said plurality of rotatable rails is in said second rotation position, said auxiliary track of said one of two adjacent ones of said plurality of rotatable rails is continuous with said additional track of the other of said two adjacent ones of said plurality of rotatable rails in said first rotation position.